(a) whether the NTC Mills of Mumbai have received clearance from the Government of Maharashtra for selling their land;

(b) if so, what are the plans and the area of land available for the sale;

(c) the conditions put up by the Government of Maharashtra;

(d) whether there is any proposal of revival; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (c) Government of Mahrashtra have recently lifted the ban on operation of Regulation 58 of Development Control Regulation in respect of NTC mills in Greater Mumbai. With the lifting of the ban NTC can carryout development of its land in accordance with the prevailing regulations which stipulate that approximately 1/3rd of the land is to be surrendered to Mumbai Municipal Corporation, 1/3rd to MHADA and only 1/3rd would be available to the owner for development.

(b), (d) and (e) On the basis of a unit-wise viability approach, Government is considering a revised turn around plan for the viable subsidiaries of NTC alongwith the viable mills under them keeping in view the BIFR norms of net worth turning positive within the stipulated period. The interest of the workers will be kept in view in the revival plan.

The total surplus area available for sale in NTC mills in the State of Maharashtra is about 671.66 crores.

Scheme to Encourage Handloom Industry

†451. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are formulating any scheme to encourage handloom industry in the country;

(b) if so, the name of the above scheme;

(c) whether the suggestions of the people working in handloom industry have also been received and included in the scheme while formulating it; and

(d) if so, what are these suggestions and by when an announcement would be made to implement the said scheme?

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) "Deendayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana".

(c) and (d) The problems of handloom sector have been discussed on several occasions with various functionaries involved in the handloom sector and based on the outcome of such discussions, the Deendayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana has been formulated. The Government proposes to announce introduction of scheme within this financial year.

Scheme to review the draft New Textiles Policy

†452. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to review the draft New Textile Policy; and

(b) whether Government are also considering any scheme to solve the issue regarding restructuring of the National Textile Corporation; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The New Textile Policy has not been announced.

(b) Since 8 out of the 9 subsidiaries of NTC are before BIFR at present, no decision has been taken regarding changes to the brought about in the structure of the National Textile Corporation.

Implementation of the Multi Fibre Agreement

†453. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the era of new economic policy and rapid globalization, textile industry of the country is passing through a phase of catastrophe;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is going to implement the Multi Fibre Agreement;

(d) if so, by when; and

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